

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/29/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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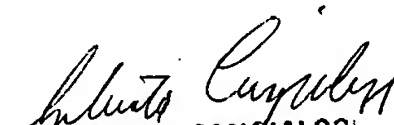
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art fails to show a product trading system for achieving a deal between a seller who sells a product and a buyer who purchases the product, including: a plurality of production machines located at different sites, the respective production machines including machine information generating means for monitoring the production machine, generating production information related to a product being produced or to be produced by the production machine and outputting the production information, and including location information generating means for generating location information specifying a location of the production machine and outputting the location information; an accumulation means for accumulating the production information related to the product being produced or to be produced and the location information from the production machines at respective sites; a demand information accepting means for accepting demand information with respect to the product that the buyer would like to purchase; a matching processing means for performing a matching processing that derives optimal production information from the production information accumulated in the accumulation means based on the demand information accepted at the demand information accepting means, the optimal production information being determined based on the location information for the plurality of production machines; and a matching processing

result presentation means for presenting the buyer with the processing results from the matching processing means in the manner and complexity recited by the claims. Regarding independent claim 6, the prior art fails to show a product trading system for achieving a deal between a seller who sells a product and a buyer who purchases the product, including a mobile production machine to produce the product sold by the seller, the mobile production machine including a machine information output means for generating an output of machine information that includes items of the product produced by the machine, positional information about the machine, and operational information; a production information accumulating means for accumulating production information about the product based on the machine information outputted from the machine information output means; a demand information accepting means for accepting demand information about the product which the buyer would like to purchase; a production information extracting means for extracting the machine information being accumulated in the production information accumulating means based on the demand information being accepted by the demand information accepting means; and a production information presentation means for showing the buyer a mobile production machine located in a neighborhood of a delivery place included in the demand information based on the positional information output by the machine information output means in the manner and complexity recited by the claims. Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art fails to show a product trading method for achieving a deal between a seller who

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sells a product and a buyer who purchases the product, including: monitoring a plurality of production machines located at different sites, the monitoring including generating production information related to a product being produced or to be produced by the respective production machines and outputting the production information, and generating location information specifying respective locations of the production machines and outputting the location information; accumulating the production information related to the product being produced or to be produced from now on by the seller and the location information from the production machines at respective sites; accepting demand information with respect to the product that the buyer would like to purchase; performing a matching processing that derives optimal production information from the accumulated production information based on the accepted demand information ,the optimal production information being determined based on the location information for the plurality of production machines; and a matching processing result presentation procedure for presenting the buyer with the processing results from the matching processing procedure.

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